maintains the record of the expenditure. In a majority of the cases, when persons go to the regional conference of the WHO and other conferences, the organisation meets the expenditure. I can give the number of persons from the Health Department. In 1991, it was 292; in 1992, it was 236 and in 1993-94, it was 220. The expenditure incurred was, in 1991, Rs.0.21 lakhs; in 1992, Rs.9.63 lakhs; and in 1993-94 Rs.13 lakhs.

*424. *[The Questioner (Shri Janardhana Poojary] was absent. For answer vide col 30 infra.]*

Filling up of Seats in MBBS Course from Central Government's Quota

*425. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:†
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are Government of India's seats for MBBS course in the various medical colleges of Maharashtra and Punjab;

(b) if so, what are the names of such colleges and the number of such seats college-wise;

(c) what is the procedure for filling up these seats;

(d) what is the eligibility criteria for admission on these seats;

(e) whether Government have received a number of complaints about mismanag ment and irregularities in filling up these seats; and

(f) if so, what action Government have proposed to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (f)-A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) College-wise number of MBBS seats in the State of Maharashtra, made available to Government of India during the current academic year 1994-95, is given below:—

Sl. No.	Name of the College	Number of MBBS seats
1.	Grant's Medical College, Bombay	2
2.	B.J. Medical College, Pune	2
3.	Government Medical College, Nagpur	2
4.	Indira Gandhi Medical College, Nagpur	1
5.	Government Medical College, Aurangabad	1
6.	S.R.T.R. Medical College, Ambajogoi	1
7.	Dr. V. M. Medical College, Solapur	1
8.	Government Medical College, Miraj	1
9.	Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sevagram, Wardha	4

No MBBS seat in the State of Punjab has been made available to Government of India.

(c) and (d) Categories listed in Statement-I are eligible for these seats and are to be selected as per the stipulated guidelines at Statement-II *(See below)*

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Statement-I

Categories of Candidates Entitled to Central Pool MBBS/BDS Seats

	Category
1.	Students belonging to States/ Union Territories with no medical/dental colleges.

†The Question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Surinder Kumar Singla.

2. Wards of Defence Personnel.
3. Children of para-military personnel:
   (i) For CRPF/BSF etc.Personnel.
   (ii) For SSB/R & AW/SFF/ ARC Personnel.
4. Self—financing foreign students.
5. Children of Indian Staff serving in Indian Missions abroad.
6. Foreign students under cultural Exchange Programme.
7. Foreign students under Colombo Plan (through Indian High Commission in the Country concerned)
8. Tibetan Refugees.
9. National Bravery Award Winners.
10. Repatriates from Burma & Sri Lanka.

Statement-II

P.P. CHAUHAN
JOINT
SECRETARY

No. U.14014/84/86 ME (UG) MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE INDIA NIRMAN BHAVAN, NEW DELHI-11.Dated the 9th December, 1986.

Dear Sir,

As you are aware, we have been allocating MBBS/BDS seats to your State/Union Territory for the selection and nomination of elegible candidates. Some instances have, hawever, come to our notice where some of the allottee agencies have not followed the relevent instructions issued by the Government of India while selecting and nominating candidates against the seats allotted by us.

2. It is once again reiterated that only the children of i) permanent residents of the State/ UT concerned, ii) the employees of the State/ U.T. Government concerned; iii) the employees of the Central/other State/U.T. Government on deputation to the State/U.T. concerned; and iv) the employees of the Central/ other State/U.T. Government posted in and having their headquarters with the State/U.T. concerned; will be eligible.

3. The children of Central/State/U.T. Government employees, aforementioned, should be treated at par with the local resident. The sole criteria for selection will be the academic merit of the candidates, subject to any special orders issued with the concurrence of the Government of India.

4. 22½ of the seats allotted to each State/UT concerned will be reserved for students belonging to Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes of that State/U.T. The break-up of this reservation will be as follows:

a) a distinct reservation of 15% for Scheduled Castes and 7½ for Scheduled Tribes.

b) the reservation as mentioned in sub-para (a) above, can be interchanged. Thus, if a sufficient number of candidates are not available to fill up seats reserved for Scheduled Tribes, they may be filled up by suitable candidates from Scheduled Castes and vice-versa; and

c) if the number of available Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe quelified candidates is less than 22½ of the seat; the balance can be given to nonScheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates.

5. Only those candidates will be eligible for admission against the seats reserved for the Government of India who have secured at least 50% (40% in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes or as amended by the Medical Council of India from time to time, of the aggregate Marks in English, Physics, Chemistry and Biology in the qualifying examinatin. Premedical/Ist year of three years degree courses/Ist year of three years B.Sc (Hons) course/Pre degree (Two years course)/Pre-University (two years course)/10+2 under the new pattern of 10+2+3 or any other examination recognised as equivalent by the Medical Council of India). 80% weightage is to be given to the results of the eligible examinations for admission and 20% to that of matriculation or school leaving examination; when a candidate has passed B.Sc. or M.Sc examinations, then 80% weightage is to be given to the results of the eligible examination, 10% to the results of the matriculation or school leaving and 10% on the results of the B.Sc. Or M.Sc. examination.

6. It may further be noted that—

(a) For a candidate who has passed the qualifying examination in the 2nd attempt, 2% of the marks from the total aggregatge should be deducted in determining his merit; and

(b) Candidates who have passed the qualifying examination in more than two attempts should not normally be considered suitable for medical studies.

7. It is requested that the above criteria for the selection and nominations of candidates against the MBBS/BDS seats reserved for the Central Government should be strictly followed. The Central Section Committee in this Ministry will also follow this procedure.

8. I shall be grateful for a line acknowledgement of this letter.

Your sincerely,

Sd/-

(P. P. CHAUHAN)

To States/UTs without medical colleges.

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1. The Ministry of Defence (ISSA) board, New Delhi.
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4. Director General, Boarder Security Force, New Delhi.
5. Commandant, C.R.P.F., R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110 066.
6. Director, S.S.B., East Block, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-22.
7. Ministry of External Affairs (Student Cell), (Shri G.P. Kapoor, Under Secretary), Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.
8. Ministry of External Affairs (Welfare Cell) (Shri J.R. Blah, Deputy Secretary), New Delhi.
9. Cabinet Secretariat, (Shri R.K. Ganger, Deputy Secretary), Bikaner House Annex, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi.
10. The President, Medical Council of India, Diwan-E-Galib Marg, Temple Lane, Kotla Road, New Delhi.
11. DDG (M)/Dte. GHS (ME Section).

Sd/-

(P. P. CHAUHAN)
Joint Secretary.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Pollution in Moradabad

*424. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in "The Hindustan Times' dated 22nd July, 1994 under the caption Pollution plays havoc with kids wherein it has been stated that thick cloud of smoke emitted by power generators in brassware city of Moradabad is causing widespread illness; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the action the Central Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A news item captioned "Pollution plays havoc with kids' appeared in "The Hindustan Times' of 22nd July, 1994, which mentioned that thick clouds of smoke emitted by power generators in the brassware city of Moradabad caused widespread illness especially among children. It is true that during the operation of the power generating sets, a lot of suspended particulates, in the shape of a